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MYCOBACTERIA AND THEIR USE AS DIAGNOSTICS, VACCINES AND  
TARGETS FOR CHEMOTHERAPY

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Sir:

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Responsive to the Official Action dated October 21, 2003, entry and  
consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.